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News Review

Koreas talk for first time in two years

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BBC World Service report

The story

The first talks between North and South Korea in more than two years have produced an immediate dividend.

Pyongyang has agreed to send a delegation to the Winter Olympics in the south next month.

It's hoped this thaw could provide a period of stability after months of heightened tensions.

Vocabulary

invaluable

extremely useful

foolproof

impossible to get wrong

break (the) ice

reduce tension

Language challenge

“The first talks between North and South Korea in more than two years have produced an immediate dividend.” What does the word ‘dividend’ mean in this report from the BBC World Service?

- a) monetary profit
- b) positive result
- c) heated disagreement

Answer

b) positive result